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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3013**

**The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 1996**

**PART III**

**GOODS VEHICLES**

**Application of Part III**

5.—(1) This Part of these Regulations applies to every motor vehicle which—

- (a) is a vehicle to which the 1982 Regulations apply or to which those Regulations would apply but for regulation 3(2)(q) or (r) of those Regulations;
- (b) has a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes; and
- (c) meets the requirements of paragraph 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) In these Regulations, “relevant goods vehicle” means a goods vehicle to which this Part of these Regulations apply.

**Approval requirements relating to relevant goods vehicles**

6.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, the requirements set out in column 3 of the Table in Schedule 3 to these Regulations are hereby prescribed under section 54 of the 1988 Act as requirements as to the design, construction, equipment and marking of relevant goods vehicles so far as they are not prescribed under regulation 4 of the 1982 Regulations.

(2) The requirements set out in column 3 of the Table in Schedule 3 have effect subject to the exceptions and modifications set out in column 5 of that Table.

An entry in column 4 of an item in the Table shall have effect for the purposes of interpreting or otherwise supplementing the entries in that item and for convenience expressions that are defined in that column are printed in bold type in the Table.

(3) Where a provision of any Community instrument or ECE Regulation is applied by Schedule 3, that provision as so applied shall have effect in relation to a vehicle that is not a vehicle of category NI as it has effect in relation to a vehicle of category NI ; and for the purposes of this paragraph “vehicle of category NI” has the same meaning of Directive [70/156/EEC](#) as last amended by Directive [92/53/EEC](#).

(4) A relevant goods vehicle shall be regarded as complying with all the requirements prescribed under section 54 of the 1988 Act that are applicable to it if at least one of the following three conditions are satisfied in relation to each subject matter mentioned in column 2 of the Table in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

(5) The three conditions are—

- (a) that the requirements set out in column (3) of the Table in relation to the subject matter are not applicable to the vehicle;
- (b) that the requirements set out in column (3) of the Table in relation to the subject matter are applicable to the vehicle and the vehicle complies with those requirements;

- (c) that requirements applicable to the vehicle are prescribed by regulation 4 of the 1982 Regulations in relation to the subject matter and the vehicle complies with those requirements.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), regulation 4(2A) of the 1982 Regulations shall have effect as if—
  - (a) for sub-paragraph (a), there were substituted—
    - “(a) an entry in column (6) of Part I of Schedule I shall not apply to the vehicle if the vehicle was manufactured before the date specified or having effect as if specified in that entry;”;
  - (b) the words after sub-paragraph (b) were omitted.
- (7) If a relevant passenger vehicle complies with all the requirements prescribed by regulation 4 of the 1982 Regulations (disregarding paragraph (6) above) that are applicable to it, the requirements prescribed by this regulation shall not apply to it.